

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/24/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-35 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the claimed method and system of providing a usage pattern for a customer of a telecommunication system, the usage pattern providing historical information concerning the customer's use of the telecommunications system wherein each independent claim (i.e. claims 1, 14, 15, 29, 30, 34, 35 and shown in figure 8) require, inter alia, comparing usage pattern to historical information to be displayed as unused remaining minutes in the predetermined billing plan on a computer device allowing the customer to control the use of telecommunications based on the usage pattern thereby avoiding charges for overuse and allowing the customer to learn an identity of an unrecognized telephone number placing a call to the customer thereby preventing the customer from calling the service provider to learn the identity of the unrecognized telephone number which is a benefit to both the customer and service provider because the customers may themselves learn the identity of unrecognized telephone numbers, fewer customers call the service provider and, thus, the efforts of service representatives are better utilized.

Prior art of record, Ung et al (Pub. No.: 2003/0008635) teaches displaying remaining time at any convenient time (i.e. during call processing) but fails to allow customers to learn the identity of an unrecognized telephone number while viewing the

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remaining time as required in each independent claim (i.e. claims 1, 14, 15, 29, 30, 34, 35 and shown in figure 8).

Prior art of record, Suryanarayana et al (6,487,401) teaches advice of charge using WEB page but fails to teach displaying unrecognized telephone numbers while viewing the advice of charges on a WEB page which is a requirement in each independent claim (i.e. claims 1, 14, 15, 29, 30, 34, 35 and shown in figure 8).

Prior art of record, Raith (6,493,547) teaches visually displaying remaining minutes in a prepaid calling block wherein the user controls the presentation of unused time but fails to allow the user to view the identity of an unrecognized telephone number while the remaining minutes are being displayed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry W. Taylor, telephone number (703) 305-4811, who is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am to 4pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz, can be reached at (703) 305-4708. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

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